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TAGS: PARM, UNGA, SW
SUBJ: UNGA DISARMAMENT: SWEDISH DRAFT RESOLUTION IN INCENDIARIES

1. SWEDISH DELOFF BERG GAVE US DELOFF NOV 10 DRAFT
RESOLUTION FOR AGENDA ITEM ON INCENDIARIES AND OTHER
SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT OF
PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE FOR HUMANIATARIAN
REASONS. BERG SAID INITIAL GROUP OF PROPOSED CO-
SPONSORS INCLUDES ALGERIA, AUSTRIA, EGYPT, KENYA,
MEXICO, NORWAY, PERU, SWEDEN, VENEZUELA, AND YUGOSLAVIA.
SWEDES ALSO PLAN TO APPROACH NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND,
AND OTHER CO-SPONSORS OF 1975 RES.

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2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT RESOLUTION:

INCENDIARY AND OTHER SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS,
WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT OF PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS
OF USE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS

GA,

CONVINCED THAT SUFFERING OF CIVILIAN POPULATIONS AND
COMBATANTS COULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED IF GENERAL
AGREEMENT CAN BE ATTAINED ON PROHIBITION OR RESTRICTION
FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS, INCLUDING ANY WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE
EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS,

MINDFUL THAT POSITIVE RESULTS AS REGARDS NON-USE OR
RESTRICTION OF USE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS OF SPECIFIC
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WOULD SERVE, IN ADDITION, AS
ENCOURAGEMENT IN BROADER FIELD OF DISARMAMENT AND MIGHT
FACILITATE SUBSEQUENT AGREEMENT ON ELIMINATION OF WEAPONS
WHICH WERE COMPLETELY BANNED FOR USE.

RECALLING THAT ISSUE OF PROHIBITIONS OR RESTRICTIONS FOR
HUMANITARIAN REASONS OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL
WEAPONS HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF SERIOUS AND SUBSTANTIVE
DISCUSSION FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, NOTABLY AT CONFERENCES
OF GOVT EXPERTS HELD UNDER AUSPICES OF INTERNATIONAL COMITE
OF RED CROSS FROM 24 SEPT. TO 18 OCT 1974 AT LUCERNE
AND FROM 28 JAN TO 26 FEB 1976 AT LUGANO AND AT THREE
SESSIONS OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON REAFFIRMATION AND
DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE
IN ARMED CONFLICTS AND IN GA SINCE 1971,

NOTING THAT DISCUSSIONS AND PROPOSALS REGARDING PROHIBITION
OR RESTRICTION OF USE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS OF CERTAIN
WEAPONS HAVE FOCUSSED ON NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS,
INDISCRIMINATE METHODS OF USING LAND-MINES, ON PERFIDIOUS WEAPONS
AND WEAPONS WHICH RELY FOR THEIR EFFECT UPON FRAGMENTS INVISIBLE
ON X-RAY, ON CERTAIN TYPES OF SMALL CALIBRE PROJECTILES
WHICH MAY BE ESPECIALLY INJURIOUS AND ON CERTAIN BLAST AND
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FRAGMENTATION WEAPONS,

STRESSING THAT SUBSTANTIAL AND UNIVERSAL HUMANITARIAN BENE-
FITS WHICH WOULD BE GAINED BY BROADLY ACCEPTED AGREEMENTS IN
THIS FIELD MUST NOT BE OVERSHADOWED BY ISSUES OF MILITARY
EFFICIENCY,

NOTING THAT ISSUE WILL COME BEFORE FOURTH SESSION OF

DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE ON REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS,
TO BE HELD AT GENEVA FROM 17 MARCH TO 10 JUNE, 1977,

CONVINCED THAT WORK OF FOURTH SESSION OF DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE
SHOULD BE INSPIRED BY SENSE OF URGENCY AND THE WISH TO
ATTAIN CONCRETE RESULTS WHICH WAS STRESSED IN APPEAL BY
FIFTH CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVT OF NON-ALIGNED
COUNTRIES, HELD IN COLOMBO FROM 16 TO 19 AUG, 1976, THAT
NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE ACCELERATED WITH A VIEW TO SECURING
AGREEMENTS AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE PARTICULARLY PROHIBITION OF
USE OF NAPALM AND OTHER INCENDIARY WEAPONS,

1. TAKES NOTE OF REPORTS OF SYG ON WORK OF DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE ON REAFFIRMATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL
HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS AS REGRADS
WORK OF CONFERENCE RELEVANT TO PRESENT RESOLUTION,

2. INVITES DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE TO ACCELERATE ITS
CONSIDERATION OF USE OF SPECIFIC CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS, INCLUDING
ANY WHICH MAY BE DEEMED TO BE EXCESSIVELY INJURIOUS OR TO HAVE
INDISCRIMINATE EFFECTS, AND TO DO ITS UTMOST TO REACH
AGREEMENT FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS ON POSSIBLE RULES PROHIBITING
OR RESTRICTING USE OF SUCH WEAPONS,

3. REQUESTS SYG, WHO HAS BEEN INVITED TO ATTEND DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE AS AN OBSERVER, TO REPORT TO GA AT ITS THIRTY-
SECOND SESSION ON ASPECTS OF WORK OF DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE, RELEVANT TO PRESENT RESOLUTION,

4. DECIDES TO INCLUDE IN PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF ITS THIRTY-
SECOND SESSION AN ITEM ENTITLED "INCENDIARY AND OTHER SPECIFIC
CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS WHICH MAY BE SUBJECT OF PROHIBITION
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OR RESTRICTIONS OF USE FOR HUMANITARIAN REASONS".

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